

Remarks

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-3 and 11-13 are allowed.

Claims 4-10 and 14-21 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form due to multiple dependent claims depending from other multiple dependent claims. Claims 4, 7, 8, 14, 18 and 19 have been amended so as to avoid dependence of a multiple dependent claim from any other dependent claim.

The present response alongside the amended claims are intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection raised by the Examiner

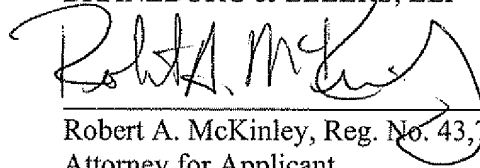
Since all the objected to claims have been amended to a proper form, and since all of the objected to claims depend, directly or indirectly, from an allowed claim, these proposed amendments place the instant application in condition for allowance. The proposed amendments raise no new issues or new matter that would require further search and/or consideration by the Examiner.

Applicant therefore believes that the above amended claims and accompanying remarks, completely overcome the Examiner's rejections. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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